

INTRADO 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2009

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Longmont, Colorado, based Intrado on the occasion of the celebration of their 30-year anniversary.

Founded by two Boulder County sheriffs, George Heinrichs and Stephen Meer, Intrado has played a key role in helping to define, build, and maintain the country's complex emergency communications system. Today Intrado provides the core of the Nation's 9-1-1 infrastructure, supporting over 200 million calls to 9-1-1 each year.

Intrado's history of emergency communications excellence is based on a strong foundation consisting of unmatched knowledge of emergency communications and public safety operations; proven experience in the design, deployment and operations of highly accurate, high-volume communication systems; solid reputation as a trusted and neutral custodian of sensitive data and; passion for saving lives.

Their extensive involvement in all aspects of the current 9-1-1 network has given them a unique perspective on how the system must evolve to support new technology, new system requirements and citizens' growing expectations. Intrado's customers include public safety agencies and the majority of the fixed wireline carriers, wireless carriers and VoIP service providers in the United States. Additionally, the nation's 6,000+ public safety answering points, PSAPs, rely on Intrado services for efficient 9-1-1 voice and data delivery. With the largest dedicated 9-1-1 call delivery network in the nation, Intrado can provide a broad range of customized and scaleable solutions.

9-1-1 is fundamental to telecommunications service. To meet this market requirement, Intrado helps telecommunications service providers ensure their subscribers' 9-1-1 calls are delivered to the correct public safety answering point (PSAP) over the dedicated 9-1-1 network along with the caller's accurate location information and call back number. As communications networks converge and 9-1-1 callers become more mobile Intrado has a proven track record of both anticipating and pioneering the solutions needed to keep pace with subscribers' demands for ubiquitous access to 9-1-1.

Intrado's contributions to the evolution of the 9-1-1 infrastructure include numerous technological and operational improvements as well as being responsible for more 9-1-1 technology "firsts" than any other commercial entity in the country.

Operates the largest dedicated 9-1-1 delivery network, with the highest data integrity level in the country;

Responsible for the ultimate delivery of over 90 percent of all 9-1-1 calls in the country;

Connected directly or indirectly to more than 6,000 public safety answering points in the country;

Supports over 200 million calls to 9-1-1 annually;

Maintains over 350 million records under management; average of three records per U.S. household;

Over 240 million wireline telephone records;

Over 120 million wireless records;

Over 1 million VoIP subscriber records;
Provides 9-1-1 services to more than 28 million members of the deaf community;
Processed an estimated 3 billion 9-1-1 calls to date;

Processed more satellite calls to 9-1-1 than any other service provider;

Processes an average of 500,000 updates to the 9-1-1 system daily;

Employees have more than 1,200 years of combined experience in public safety and telecommunications;

Holds licenses for over 45 U.S. and foreign patents, with over 100 pending.

Intrado's success has come in large part to its leadership, dedication and perseverance helping the public safety community. I want to thank them for all they have done to contribute to Colorado's economy and to the advancement of 9-1-1 and congratulations on this momentous occasion.

THE TEXAS AGRILIFE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, for 100 years, scientists at the Research and Extension Center in Beaumont, Texas, have worked to provide economic security to agricultural producers in southeast Texas. The center was created by the Texas legislature in 1909, and was charged with developing rice production and management programs for the Texas upper gulf coast. Today the center occupies ca. 960 acres near Beaumont, 113 acres in Eagle Lake, and 18 acres near Ganado, and is 1 of 13 research and extension centers affiliated with the Texas A&M University System and Texas AgriLife Research, the State's premier research agency in agriculture, natural resources, and the life sciences.

The Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Beaumont is the preeminent center in developing high quality, high yielding rice varieties, economically competitive and environmentally sustainable rice production and management systems, rice water conservation programs, cellulosic bioenergy crop production systems, and cutting-edge internet-based crop, pest, and environmental resource management decision programs and databases, providing economic well being to thousands of families in southeast Texas.

The center scientists work extremely closely with Texas rice producers and rice producers across the U.S., and maintain research programs with scientists from across Texas and from California, Louisiana, Arkansas, Indiana, Missouri, and Mississippi. Current international research partners include scientists from Australia, Brazil, China, India, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, South Korea, and Sri Lanka, which has lead to the development of economically competitive and environmentally sound management systems that benefit Texas, the U.S., and the world.

The Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Beaumont is a showcase of agricultural and environmental research in the Upper Gulf Coast and looks forward to serving the needs of Texas, the Nation, and the world into the next century.

HONORING THE MARCHEGIAN SOCIETY OF NEW HAVEN AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the Marchegian Society of New Haven as they celebrate their centennial anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this very special organization.

Founded in 1909 by 36 men who had come to the United States from the Marche Province of Italy, the Marchegian Society was born out of a sense of responsibility to their fellow Marchigiani. They wanted to provide financial assistance for their fellow members in the event of illness, death, or accidents—not an uncommon occurrence at the turn of the century. Though the majority of the Marchigiani came from agrarian backgrounds, they were skilled artisans who were family oriented, industrious and proud of their work ethic. While they quickly assimilated into American society, the Marchegian Society provided them with a way to celebrate their shared ancestry, culture, and traditions.

The original members of the Marchegian Society met in a building at the lower end of Minor Street in the Hill section of New Haven, Connecticut. In 1923, the society purchased its present home on Cedar and Minor Streets. The acquisition allowed the organization to expand in size and led to the formation of the Marchegian Club for the purposes of social endeavors. In 1924, a group of 132 women founded the Societa Femminile Marchegiana which functioned under its own bylaws until a fusion pact was passed in 1936 giving the Marchegian Ladies Society an equal partnership with the men—an act of equal rights for women well before the concept became a national issue.

The construction of the present building was completed in 1936 and the new facility provided an outstanding space which soon became the social and cultural center of the community. Minstrels, musical shows, bowling contests, card games, bocce tournaments and weekly dances were among the many activities and charity events held there. The society remained a very progressive organization and continued to care for its members, providing sick and death benefits as well as cemetery plots for those members who could not afford one. The Marchegian Society provided a social and financial safety net for their members and, when the nation called on communities to sell war bonds during World War II, the society held numerous rallies to support the cause. The pride that they have shared, from generation to generation, in their community, their work, and their nation—that sense of family—is what has made this organization so special and what has enabled it to continue its mission for 100. The Marchegian Society is a community treasure.

Today, as members gather to celebrate, I am honored to have this opportunity to stand and extend my sincere congratulations to the Marchegian Society on their 100th anniversary. I have no doubt that the Marchegian Society will continue to be a source of pride for